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[54] **LIQUID CRYSTAL LENS DISPLAY SYSTEM**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A liquid crystal lens display system comprises a liquid crystal lens, display elements, a polarizer and a light source. The liquid crystal lens comprises a dielectrically anisotropic liquid crystal material covering two electrodes each having a plurality of spaced, parallel, interleaved fingers. The display elements comprise one or more elements to which are affixed alphanumeric or analog information and which are optically distinguishable. The angle of refraction of light passing through the liquid crystal lens is electrically alterable by applying a voltage source to the lens' electrodes. Portions of one of the display elements viewed through an activated liquid crystal lens are changed since light from these portions are no longer within the field of view of the observer.

8 Claims, 9 Drawing Figures